

Minutes of the Property Committee Meeting

The Property Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bostic, Members Selzer, Dean, Harding, Ahart and Moss

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation; Mr. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management Department

Others Present: Ms. Connie Johnson, Auditor's Office

Chairman Bostic called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Chairman Bostic presented the Minutes of the June 8, 2006 Property Committee meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections, Chairman Bostic accepted and placed the minutes on file as submitted.

Mr. Moody presented a request for approval of Bids for Three-year Refuse and Recycle Services for County Facilities. He explained that a bid cycle was conducted three years ago for 2004-2005-2006. This bid recycle is for January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009. Mr. Moody stated that he sent request for proposals to all area waste disposal services and recycle firms in the area. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held, followed by the bid opening. Mr. Moody indicated that the three firms chosen, with the lowest bids, are Area Disposal Services, Allied Waste Services and Midwest Fiber Company.

Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation, advised that he misinterpreted the Allied Waste Services bid results and had subsequently submitted a request to reject the bid. However, with clarification from Mr. Moody, Mr. Wasson asked that his request to reject the bid for Refuse Disposal be pulled and he asked the Committee to approve the contract for Refuse and Recycle Services.

Motion by Selzer/Harding to recommend Approval of the Bids for Three-Year Refuse and Recycle Services for County Facilities, as amended to include the Allied Waste Services to COMLARA Park.

Motion carried.

Mr. Moody announced that McLean County is the recipient of a National Association of Counties (NACo) Award for the Old Courthouse Dome and Roof Project. He stated that there will be a ceremony on Sunday, August 6, 2006, 3:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Center at McCormick Place in Chicago, IL. Mr. Moody advised that the Health Department also received an award for the Employee Wellness Program.

Mr. Moody reported that Tuesday, July 11th at 3:30 p.m. is the next meeting of the Public Building Commission. At that meeting, two major construction contracts will be awarded to two area firms, namely:

- Bishop Brothers from Peoria, Illinois to do the remodeling of third floor of the Government Center project;
- Felmley Dickerson Co. for the remodeling project at the Law and Justice Center.

Chairman Bostic shared a "thank you" letter she received from the Assessors Office for the work done by Facilities Management personnel who cleaned all of the glass panels over the Assessor and County Clerk's Offices. She noted that the Assessor asked to thank Bill, Brian, Brian and Corey.

Mr. Selzer asked what is the status on the new McLean County sign at the Nursing Home. Mr. Moody replied that the project was tabled at a previous meeting due to issues related to the low bidder. Chairman Bostic explained that the low bidder pulled out at the last minute as a result of disparaging remarks made by another bidder.

After a discussion, the Committee asked Mr. Moody to work with Mr. Zeunik on a plan to move this project forward.

Chairman Bostic asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Moody.

Mr. Wasson reviewed his general report, noting that, through June 24, 2006, the usage levels are at very high levels, including record levels in some cases. He reported that the campground has been full for the last five weekends, including four days over the July 4th holiday. Recreational usage is very good.

Ms. Harding requested an update on the Triathlon. Mr. Wasson reported the following:

- The Triathlon is July 22;
- 239 people have registered for the event;
- Active planning is going on for the event;
- County Emergency Services Department and Sheriff's Department are involved in the planning.

Mr. Selzer asked who is the benefactor of the funds raised by the Triathlon. Mr. Wasson replied that the Sports Commission is the presenter of the event, although the Parks and Recreation Department generates some funds through fees for facility reservations.

Mr. Moss asked why the sailboat rental is low. Mr. Wasson replied that demand and interest in sailboat rentals has diminished over the years. Also, the sailboats, which are leased through Illinois State University, are out of production and it is difficult to get parts. Mr. Wasson indicated that Parks and Recreation would like to continue offering sailboat rentals, but the boats take a lot of manpower to operate and maintain.

Mr. Wasson reported that recently some individuals have expressed an interest in volunteering with the sailboat program. He noted that he is evaluating the possibility of starting a membership program using volunteers on a regular basis to help maintain the boats. Mr. Wasson stated that someone offered to donate a sailboat.

Mr. Moss asked what is the rental on a sailboat. Mr. Wasson replied that \$8.00 an hour is the current charge for renting a sailboat. He indicated that this fee has not changed very much over the last few years as the usage has been so low. More money was paid in maintenance on the boat than was collected in rental.

Mr. Wasson reported that the McLean County picnic is Thursday, July 27th at COMLARA Park at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Zeunik stated that a notice was placed in *County Comments*.

There was some discussion on the possibility of building a miniature golf course at COMLARA Park. Mr. Wasson noted the following concerns with a miniature golf course:

- Usage would be generated in the evenings when there is no available lighting;
- Adding lights to the Park would be a significant capital investment;
- Capital investment to construct the course;
- Usage would be primarily campers;
- Expense of staff;
- Location.

Mr. Wasson stated that he could do a cost analysis on the potential of a miniature golf course.

Mr. Wasson commended the Information Services personnel for the work they did getting all of the Parks and Recreation buildings on-line with their network.

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Chairman Bostic asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Wasson.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, presented the August and September Committee meeting dates for discussion. Chairman Bostic stated that the Land Use and Development Committee may move their August meeting to Thursday, July 27th. She recommended that the Property Committee meeting be moved to July 27th, should Land Use move their meeting date.

Chairman Bostic presented the June 30, 2006 Property Committee bills, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Property Committee by the County Auditor. The Property Committee Prepaid Total is \$1,743,944.24 with a Fund Total the same.

Motion by Moss/Ahart to recommend approval of the bills as of June 30, 2006, which have been reviewed and recommend for transmittal by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Bostic asked if there was any other business or communication for the Property Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Bostic adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary